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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: El Hady  
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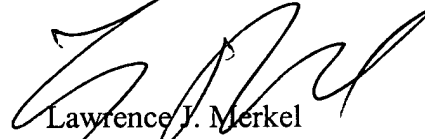
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowance mailed October 18, 2004 in the captioned application, the Examiner indicated a reasons for allowance. Specifically, the Examiner states that none of the prior art discloses all the claimed limitations, then goes on to state the features of claim 1. Applicant does not disagree with this statement. However, Applicant notes that not all the claims in the captioned application recite all of the features of claim 1, and thus not all the claims recite all the features listed in the reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully submits that each claim is allowable for the combination of features recited in that claim.

Respectfully submitted,



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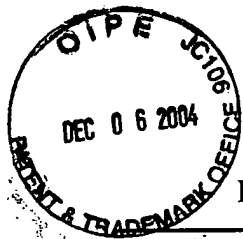
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**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the formal drawings for the above-referenced application and requests that these drawings be accepted for filing.

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